

**Oblation for Confluence**

**XIX.1.1** To meet together, may the noisy streams flow the winds below and the birds flock. May the sacred hymns augment this sacrifice. I hereby perform a sacrifice of confluence (offer an oblation of confluence).

**XIX.1.2** O burnt oblations, may you protect this sacrifice, and also you, oblations of confluence. May the sacred hymns augment this sacrifice. I hereby perform a sacrifice of confluence.

**XIX.1.3** With due consideration to each and every beauty of each and every age. I surround him (the sacrifice). May the four mid-quarters augment this sacrifice. I hereby perform a sacrifice of confluence.

**Praise and prayer to the Waters**

**XIX.2.1** Auspicious to you be the waters of the snowy mountain, auspicious to you the spring waters; auspicious to you the fast-running waters, auspicious to you be the waters of rain.

**XIX.2.2** Auspicious to you be the waters of deserts, auspicious to you the waters of the marshlands, auspicious to you be the waters, that have been brought in the pitchers.

**XIX.2.3** Digging without shovels, expert in going deep, far better healers than the leeches are the waters; I praise them.

**XIX.2.4** For cleaning the waters, other than those coming from the sky, and other than those obtained from the flowing streams, be quick and speedy.

**XIX.2.5** Those auspicious waters, those waters that cure the wasting disease - they have brought for you, so that you may have more comfort.

### **Praise to Agni**

**XIX.3.1** From the sky, from the earth, from the midspace, from the forest trees, from the medicinal plants, wheresoever you have been held, thence, O cognizant of all, come to us, praised and well pleased.

**XIX.3.2** What majesty of yours is there in the waters, in the forests, in the medicinal plants, in the animals, and within the waters (held in midspace, i.e., the clouds); O fire divine, collect all your forms together, and with those may you come to us, a constant bestower of wealth.

**XIX.3.3** O adorable Lord, what majesty of yours is there in the enlightened ones in the heaven; your form that has entered into the elders, and your nourishment, that sustains men (and all living beings), therewith may you grant us riches.

**XIX.3.4** To Him of listening ears, omnivisioned, and worthy of knowing, I approach with verses and hymns for fulfilment of my wishes. From where there is fear, may that be no fear to us. O adorable Lord, may you pacify the anger of the bounties of Nature (towards us).

#### To Various divinities

**XIX.4.1** What first offering the fire-inventor (Atharvan) made, which was born and which the cognizant of all beings (Jātavedas) made an sacrificial oblation, that (oblation) I offer to you first; praised by them, may the fire divine carry the oblation I dedicate it to the adorable Lord.

**XIX.4.2** I place foremost the determination, divine and fortunate; the mother of intention, may she be easy to invoke for us. With whichever expectation I move, may that be exclusively mine. May I gain it, which has entered my heart.

**XIX.4.3** With determination, O Lord supreme, with determination come to us. Then, may you grant us fortune; and may you be quick to hear our invocation.

**XIX.4.4** May the wise and brilliant Lord Supreme know this determination and this speech of mine; all the enlightened ones and the bounties of nature have submitted to whose control, let that well-conducted desire follow us.

### Prayer to Indra

**XIX.5.1** The resplendent Lord is the sovereign of the world, of men, and of all, whatsoever, that exists on this earth in various forms. He gives riches to the liberal donor. Praised (by us) may He direct wealth towards us. (Rg.VII.23.3)

### Puruṣa

**XIX.6.1** Thousand-armed is Puruṣa (cosmic man), having a thousand eyes and a thousand feet. Surrounding the earth (i.e., the universe) on all the sides, He exceeds it by ten finger-breaths. (Yv. XXXI.1. Vari.; Rv. X.90)

- XIX.6.2** With His three quarters, He ascends to the heave; and one of His quarters still remains here. Thus He pervades all that eats as well as that does not eat. (Yv. XXXI.4. Vari.)
- XIX.6.3** That much are His majesty and Purusa (cosmic man) is far greater than these. All existing things are only a quarter part of His being; other three quarters are immortal in heaven. (Yv. XXXI.3. Vari.)
- XIX.6.4** All this, that has existed and that is going to exist, is in fact, only Purusa (cosmic man) Himself. Though the Lord of immortality, He has joined company with the other. (Yv XXXI.2. Vari.)
- XIX.6.5** When they formed Purusa (cosmic man), in how many parts did they fashion Him. What was His mouth, what the two arms, what the two thighs; and what were His feet? (Yv. XXXI.10. Vari.)
- XIX.6.6** The Brāhmaṇa (the intellectual) is His mouth; the Kshatriya (Rājanya or the administrators) is His two arms; what is Vaiśya (the producer of wealth), is His middle (part of the body), and the Śūdra (labourer) is born of His feet. (Yv. XXXI.11. Vari.)
- XIX.6.7** The moon is created from His mind and is sun is born from His eye. Electricity and fire from (His) mouth and the wind is born from His vital breath. (Yv. XXXI.12. Vari.)

- XIX.6.8** The midspace is created from His navel and the sky from His head; the earth from His feet, various quarters from His ear, and in this way all these worlds are formed. (Yv. XXXI.13)
- XIX.6.9** In the beginning virāj (super-luminescence) comes into existence; from virāj Purusa (comes into existence). He exceeds the earth backward and forward both. (Yv. XXXI.5. Vari.)
- XIX.6.10** In the cosmic sacrifice arranged by the bounties of Nature with cosmic man as an oblation, spring is the melted butter, summer the firewood and autumn is the offering. (Yv. XXXI.14)
- XIX.6.11** That earliest-born Purusa (cosmic man), the sacrifice, they sprinkled with rain. With Him, the enlightened ones, the perfectibles and the sages performed sacrifice. (Yv. XXXI.9. Vari.)
- XIX.6.12** From that cosmic sacrifice horses are born and all other cattle having two rows of teeth. Cows are born out of it and so are goats and sheep. (Yv. XXXI.8)
- XIX.6.13** From that cosmic sacrifice, in which everything has been offered as oblations, the Rks, and the Sāmans are born. The Chandas of the Atharva, and the Yajuh is also born from that sacrifice. (Yv. XXXI.7. Vari.)

**XIX.6.14** From that cosmic sacrifice, in which all things have been offered as oblations, milk and curd (sustaining food) are obtained. Thereon He makes creatures that fly in air, and animals wild and domestic. (Yv. XXXI.6)

**XIX.6.15** Seven are the enclosing pillars and thrice-seven the pieces of fire-wood, when the bounties of Nature tie up the cosmic man as an offering. (Yv. XXXI.15)

**XIX.6.16** From the head of the great, divine and shining moon, born of the Cosmic Man, seven times seventy rays are born.

### To the lunar asterisms : For blessings

**XIX.7.1** Wondrous (are) the lights, shining together in the sky, gliding with (terrific) speed in the universe. Longing for the harm-repelling wisdom, I praise with songs the asterism moving in the heaven.

**XIX.7.2** O adorable Lord, may the Kṛttikās and Rohinī be easy to invoke; may Mrgaśīras be auspicious, Ārdrā delighting; the two Punarvasus truthful and pleasing; Pusya beautiful, Aśleṣa glowing, and Māgha leading me forward.

**XIX.7.3** May the two Pūrvā Phalgunis be propitious to me; Hasta and Chitrā be auspicious here; may Svāti be joy-giving to me. May the two Rādhās and the two Viśakhās be easy to invoke; may Anurādhā, Jyesthā and Mūla be unharming to me.

**XIX.7.4** May Pūrva Asadha grant me food; may the divine Uttara (Asadha) bring vigour to me. May Abhijit grant me auspiciousness only; may Śrāvaṇa and Śravistha provide me with good nourishment.

**XIX.7.5** May Śatabhisak bring great betterment for me; may the two prosthapadās (provide) good accommodation; may Revatī and the two Aśvayujis bring bounty and the Bharanīs riches for me.

**For well-being : To the asterisms etc.**

**XIX.8.1** The asterisms, which are there in the sky, in the midspace, in the waters, on the earth, and which are on the mountains and in various quarters of heaven; and to which the moon goes enjoying them, may all those be benign to me.

**XIX.8.2** May the twenty-eight (asterisms), propitious and delightful, together grant me acquisition. May I have acquisition as well as retention; may I have retention as well as acquisition. Homage be to day and night.



**XIX.8.3** May the sunset be fine to me, fine the morning, fine the evening, fine the day; good to me be the animals and good the birds. O fire divine, may (our) prayer bring happiness. O immortal, having gone, may you come again rejoicing.

**XIX.8.4** Calling back, crying, abuse, abhorrence, and the empty vessels -- these, O impeller Lord, may you keep away from me by all your devices.

**XIX.8.5** Good food free from sin and free from abhorrence, may we enjoy. And O sin, let him who walks on holy paths, urinate on your nose.

**XIX.8.6** O Lord of knowledge, the winds that blow from these diverse directions, making them to blow in one and right direction, may you make them most propitious for me.

**XIX.8.7** May there be weal for us; may there be freedom from fear for us. Homage be to day and night.

**To Various Divinities : For appeasement and prosperity**

- XIX.9.1** May heaven be peace-giving, earth peace-giving, and peace-giving be this vast midspace; may peace-giving be the waters of the oceans, and peace-giving to us be the herbs.
- XIX.9.2** May the indications of the things approaching be peace-giving; may our commissions and omissions be peace-giving to us. Peace-giving the past and future; may everything be peace-giving to us.
- XIX.9.3** Sharpened with sacred knowledge, this divine speech, which is seated in the highest place, and with which the terrible (result) is produced, may, with that very same, there be peace for us.
- XIX.9.4** Or, sharpened with sacred knowledge, this mind, which is seated in the highest place, and where with terrible (result) is produced, may, with that very (mind), there be peace for us.
- XIX.9.5** Sharpened with sacred knowledge, these five sense-organs, to which the mind is the sixth and which are in my heart, and wherewith terrible (result) is produced, may, with those very (sense-organs), there be peace for us.

- XIX.9.6** May the friendly Lord (Mitra) be peace-giving to us; peace-giving the venerable Lord (Varuna); peace-giving the pervading Lord; peace-giving the Lord of creatures. May the resplendent Lord and the Lord supreme be peace-giving to us; peace-giving to us be the ordainer Lord.
- XIX.9.7** May the friendly Lord be peace-giving to us; peace-giving be the venerable Lord; peace-giving the brilliant Lord (Vivasvat); peace-giving the ender Lord (Antak). May the disturbances on earth and in the midspace, and the planets moving in the space be peace-giving to us.
- XIX.9.8** May the tremulous earth be gracious to us; gracious the meter that strikes (the earth); gracious be the cows yielding red milk; gracious be the earth cleaving apart.
- XIX.9.9** May the meteor-hit constellation be gracious to us; gracious to us be the malevolent designs (of foes); gracious be the injurious actions (of enemies). May the harmful devices hurled secretly be gracious to us; gracious be the meteors and may the calamities befalling the land may be.
- XIX.9.10** Gracious to us be the eclipser of the moon; and gracious be the sun eclipsed by Rāhu, gracious to us be the fatal comet; gracious be the terrible punisher with fierce valour.
- XIX.9.11** Gracious (be) the terrible punisher, gracious the granter of dwellings, gracious the old sages, gracious the adorable leaders. Gracious to us be the holy great sages, gracious the enlightened ones; and gracious (be) the Lord supreme.

**XIX.9.12** Divine Supreme, the Lord of Creatures, the sustainer, the seven worlds, Vedas (sacred knowledge), the seven seers, the adorable leaders--by them my progress and safety has been secured. May the resplendent Lord grant me happiness; may the Lord of knowledge grant me happiness; may all the enlightened ones grant me happiness; may all the bounties of Nature grant me happiness.

**XIX.9.13** May world's all the peace giving things whatsoever, which the seven-seers know, be peace-giving to me; may there be peace for me; may there be freedom from fear for me.

**XIX.9.14** May the earth (grant) peace, the midspace peace, the sky peace, the waters peace, the herbs peace, forest-trees peace; all the enlightened one (grant) me peace; all the bounties of Nature (grant) me peace. May the peace be real peace with all sorts of peace. With those peaces, with complete peaces, we hereby appease what is dreadful here, what is cruel here. What is sinful here, that has been appeased, that has become blessed. May everything be peace-giving to us.

### For prosperity and well-being

**XIX.10.1** May the sun and fire, with their blessing aids, be for our happiness, may the sun and the ocean, to whom homage is offered, be for our happiness; may the sun and moon be for our happiness and comfort, along with prosperity; may the sun and sustenance be for our happiness in life-struggles. (Rg.VII.35.1)

- XIX.10.2** May the prosperity be for our happiness; may the discipline be for happiness; may the intellectual pursuits be for our happiness; may the riches be for happiness; may the variously-manifested law and order be for our happiness (Rg.VII.35.2)
- XIX.10.3** May the people of creativity be for happiness; may the people in charge of sustenance be for our happiness; may the wide earth, with its provisions be for our happiness; may the vast heaven and earth be for happiness; may the mountains be for happiness; may our pious invocations of Nature's bounties secure happiness for us. (Rg.VII.35.3)
- XIX.10.4** May the fire, with the splendour of countenance, be for our happiness; may the cosmic light and plasma, and the pair of twins-divine be for our happiness. May the noble actions of the pious be for our happiness; may the impetuous wind blow for our happiness. (Rg.VII.35.4)
- XIX.10.5** May the heaven and earth, invoked from the earliest times, be for our happiness; may the m dspace be for our happiness with charming appearance. May the herbs and the forest trees be for our happiness; may the victorious Lord of the distant regions, be favourable to our felicity. (Rg.VII.35.5)
- XIX.10.6** May the divine sun, with the life-giving elements, grant us happiness; may the justly-praised ethereal ocean with numerous suns, be friendly to our happiness; may the grief-assuaging cosmic vitality, with the vital breaths, bless us for our happiness; may the architect of the universe, with attributes of Nature's bounties, be with us for our happiness, and hear us at this solemnity. (Rg.VII.35.6)
- XIX.10.7** May be the source of our happiness; may the prayers promote our happiness; may the clouds be source of our happiness. May the sacred work and worship be source of our happiness; may the measured lengths of the pillars of ceremonial hall be conducive to our felicity; may the well-grown herbs be for our happiness; may the altar be raised for our happiness. (Rg.VII.35.7)

- XIX.10.8** May the sun with extensive radiance rise for our happiness; may the four quarters of the horizon be auspicious to us. May the firm-set mountains bless us for our happiness; may the rivers, may the waters be for our happiness. (Rg.VII.35.8)
- XIX.10.9** May the mother infinity, through holy observances, be for our happiness; may the glowing vital principles be for our happiness; may the all pervading one, the nourishing one, be for our happiness; may the cosmic waters be propitious to us; may the wind blow for our happiness. (Rg.VII.35.9)
- XIX.10.10** May the divine refulgent Lord, the saviour, be for our happiness; may the radiant dawns be propitious to us. May the clouds be propitious for our people; may the sovereign Lord of universe bless us for happiness. (Rg.VII.35.10)

### For well-being

- XIX.11.1** May the sustainers of eternal truths be propitious to our happiness; may the horses, the cattle, contribute to our happiness; may the virtuous, the dexterous men of experience and wisdom, confer felicity on us; may the senior sages be kind to us and respond to our invocations in rituals and ceremonies. (Rg.VII.35.12)
- XIX.11.2** May all the divine Nature's bounties be for our happiness; may the divine speech, with holy thoughts' be gracious; may the persons assisting at our sacred works and those who liberally and large-heartedly give, be conducive to our happiness; may all celestial, terrestrial, and aquatic powers be for our happiness. (Rg.VII.35.11)

- XIX.11.3** May the divine unborn Lord, the one-footed (in whose one foot measure is the entire universe) bless us for our happiness; may the clouds of midspace confer happiness; may the cosmic oceans be for happiness; may the heat and electricity, born of water, be gracious, and may the midspace, the sky, guarded by divine powers, be for our happiness. (Rg.VII.35.13)
- XIX.11.4** May the Cosmic suns, the cosmic winds, and the planets of abode be gratified by this new hymn, which we now repeat; may all the divines of celestial and terrestrial worlds, progeny of cows, and those who perform worship, hear our invocations. (Rg.VII.35.14)
- XIX.11.5** May those, who are most adorable among divinely revered, those who have been honoured by all men, those who are immortal, the observers of truth, grant us today widely-spoken reputation, and may you, O Lord, along with the divine forces, ever cherish us with blessings. (Rg.VII.35.15)
- XIX.11.6** May this our praise, O Lord of light and bliss, be appreciated by you. May it, O adorable Lord, be valued by you, as the means of health and happiness to us. May we then obtain depth (of life) and stability. We offer reverence to the vast celestial region. (Rg.V.47.7)

### To Ushās (dawn)

- XIX.12.1** The dawn drives away the gloom of her sister (the night) and through her noble birth illumines the pathway well. Through her, may we win the treasure, beneficial for the enlightened ones; blessed with brave progeny, may we revel through a hundred winters. (Rg.X.172.4; VI.17.15)

**For aid and victory in battles.**

- XIX.13.1** The two of the resplendent Lord are two sturdy, mighty, wonderful bulls, capable of carrying us across the difficulties; when the need arises, first of all I shall yoke them, by whom the heaven of the life-destroyers was conquered.
- XIX.13.2** Quick, striking with sharpened bolt, terrible like a bull, destroyer of enemies on a large scale, arouser of people, making the sinful persons cry, never negligent, the unique here, the resplendent one (the army-chief) conquers a hundred invading armies at a time. (Yv. XVII.33)
- XIX.13.3** With him, the army-chief, who makes the enemies weep, who is ever-watchful, victorious, spoiling for battle, unconquerable, fearless and strong, and who bears arrows in his hand, O soldiers, may you gain victories and win battles. (Yv. XVII.34)
- XIX.13.4** That army-chief, commanding the soldiers who carry arrows and quivers, organizes them into battalions and with them he captures enemies. He, the enjoyer of the herbal drinks, depending on the strength of his arms only, carrying a mighty bow, scatters the hosts of united enemies with his well-shot arrows. (Yv. XVII.35)
- XIX.13.5** O resplendent one (army-chief), having full information of the opposing army, senior-most, valiant, full of strength, agile, overwhelming the foes, formidable, ready to engage every warrior, surrounded by servants, born out of strength as if, appreciator of praises, may you mount your conquering chariot now. (Yv. XVII.37)
- XIX.13.6** Be thrilled with joy following this formidable hero, O friends; make determined effort following him, the conqueror of troops, winner of cows, thunder-armed, victor in battles and slaughtering with tremendous force.



- XIX.13.7** May the resplendent one (army-chief), crushing the enemy clans with tremendous force, pitiless, valiant, quick to take offence, difficult to dislodge, vanquisher of armies, the matchless her, protect our armies in battles. (Yv. XVII.39)
- XIX.13.8** O Lord of the large army, slayer of evil forces, harassing the enemies, may you go around far and wide with your chariot. Routing the opponent armies and conquering the violent foes in battles, may you become protector of our chariots. (Yv. XVII.36)
- XIX.13.9** Let the resplendent one, the Commander of the large army, be their leader; let the self-sacrificing squad be on their right; let the units intoxicated with herbal drinks move to the fore. Let the brave infantry march in the forefront of the conquering and overwhelming armies of godly people. (Yv. XVII.40 Variation)
- XIX.13.10** Fierce strength of the powerful army-chief of the venerable kind, and of the infantry, glittering like (many) suns, has come up. And up goes the shout of the winning godly people, big-hearted and capable of overturning the worlds. (Yv. XVII.41)
- XIX.13.11** When the flags assemble in the battle-field, may our army-chief win; may those shafts win that are ours. may our warriors have an edge over the enemy; may the bounties of Nature protect us in the battles. (Yv. XVII.43)

### For safety

- XIX.14.1** I have reached this highly excellent end (of the journey). Heaven and earth have been auspicious to me. May the great quarters be free rivals for me. Surely, we do not hate you. Let there be no fear for us. (Rv. VIII.61.13 Variation)

**For safety and success**

- XIX.15.1** Wherefrom, O resplendent Lord, we apprehend danger, therefrom may you make us safe and secure. O bounteous Lord, you are capable of it with your protective aids. May you destroy completely our haters and harmers.
- XIX.15.2** We invoke the resplendent Lord, the granter of success. May we obtain success through bipeds and quadrupeds. Let not the armies of cruel foes approach us. O resplendent Lord, may you destroy vast hordes of enemies.
- XIX.15.3** The resplendent Lord is the saviour as well as the destroyer of nescience; He is the defender against enemies and is the best to choose. May He be our protector at the extreme ends, He in the middle, He from the front and He from behind.
- XIX.15.4** Knowing well, may you lead us to the spacious region, where there is heavenly light, freedom, fear and weal. May we take shelter, O resplendent Lord, mighty in battle, under your formidable arms, the great refuges. (Rg.VI.47.8. Variation)
- XIX.15.5** May the midspace make us free from fear; free from fear, may both these heaven and earth be (for us). May there be no fear to us from behind, from the front, from above as well as from below.
- XIX.15.6** May there be no fear from a friend; no fear from a foe; no fear from one known to us; no fear from the unknown one. May there be no fear at night, no fear in the day for us. May all the regions be friendly to me.

### To divinities for safety and protection

**XIX.16.1** Freedom from rivals in the east and freedom from fear in the west has been secured for us. May the impeller Lord guard me from the south and the Lord of action from the north.

**XIX.16.2** May the suns (of the twelve months) protect me from the sky; may the fires protect (me) from earth. May Lord resplendent and adorable protect me in front and the aśvins (twins divine) grant me protection on all sides. May the Lord cognizant of all protect our cows crosswise. May the creators of all beings be my armour on all sides.

### To Various Gods for protection

**XIX.17.1** May the adorable Lord (Agni) along with the Vasus (young sages) guard me from the east. I step in Him; in Him I take shelter; to that castle do I go. May He defend me; may He protect me. To Him I totally surrender myself. Svāhā (hail).

**XIX.17.2** May the pervading Lord (Vāyu), along with the midspace, guard me from this direction (middle of the east and the south). I step in Him; in Him I take shelter; to that castle do I go. May He defend me; may He protect me. To Him I totally surrender myself. Svāhā.

**XIX.17.3** May the blissful Lord (Soma), along with Rudras (adult sages), guard me from the southern quarter. I step in Him; in Him I take shelter; to that castle do I go. May He defend me; may He protect me. To Him I totally surrender myself. Svāhā.

**XIX.17.4** May the venerable Lord (Varuna), along with Ādityas (old sages), guard me from this direction (middle of the south and the west). I step in Him; in Him I take shelter; to that castle do I go. May He defend me; may He protect me. To Him I totally surrender myself. Svāhā.

**XIX.17.5** May Sun (god), along with the heaven and earth, guard me from the western quarter. I step in Him; in Him I take shelter; to that castle do I go. May He defend me; may He protect me. To Him I totally surrender myself. Svāhā.

**XIX.17.6** May Waters, along with the medicinal plants, guard me from this direction (middle of the west and the north). I step in Him; in Him I take shelter; to that castle do I go. May He defend me; may He protect me. To Him I totally surrender myself. Svāhā.

**XIX.17.7** May the universal Architect, along with the seven seers, guard me from the northern quarter. I step in Him; in Him I take shelter; to that castle do I go. May He defend me; may He protect me. To Him I totally surrender myself. Svāhā.

**XIX.17.8** May the resplendent Lord, along with Maruts (cloud-bearing winds) guard me from this direction (middle of the north and the east). I step in Him; in Him I take shelter; to that castle do I go. May He defend me; may He protect me. To Him I totally surrender myself. Svāhā.

**XIX.17.9** May the Lord of creatures (Prajāpati), along with virility and respectability, guard me from the fixed quarter (i.e., nadir). I step in Him; in Him I take shelter; to that castle do I go. May He defend me; may He protect me. To Him I totally surrender myself. Svāhā.

**XIX.17.10** May the Lord supreme (Bṛhaspati) along with all the bounties of Nature, guard me from the upward quarter (i.e., zenith). I step in Him; in Him I take shelter; to that castle do I go. May He defend me; may He protect me. To Him I totally surrender myself. Svāhā.

### For protection : To various God.

**XIX.18.1** To the adorable Lord with the Vasus, may they go (for their destruction), who, of sinful intent, invade me from the eastern quarter.

**XIX.18.2** To the pervading Lord with the midspace, may they go (for their destruction), who, of sinful intent invade me from this direction (middle of the south).

**XIX.18.3** To the blissful Lord with the Rudras, may they go (for their destruction), who, of sinful intent, invade me from the southern quarter.

- XIX.18.4** To the venerable Lord with the suns (of twelve months), may they go (for their destruction), who of sinful intent, invade me from this direction (middle of the south and the west).
- XIX.18.5** To the Sun (God) with the heaven and earth, may they go (for their destruction), who of sinful intent, invade me from the western quarter.
- XIX.18.6** To the Waters with the medicinal plants, may they go (for their destruction), who, of sinful intent, invade me from this direction (middle of the west and the north).
- XIX.18.7** To the universal Architect with the seven-seers, may they go (for their destruction), who, of sinful intent, invade me from the northern quarter.
- XIX.18.8** To the resplendent Lord with Maruts (the cloud-bearing winds), may they go (for their destruction), who of sinful intent invade me from this direction (middle of the north and the east).
- XIX.18.9** To the Lord of creatures with virility, may they go (for their destruction), who, of sinful intent, invade me from the fixed quarter (nadir).
- XIX.18.10** To the Lord supreme with all the bounties of Nature, may they go (for their destruction), who, of sinful intent, invade me from the upward quarter (zenith).

**For protection : To Various Gods**

- XIX.19.1** The fire rose up with the earth; I lead you forward to that castle; reach it; enter it. May it offer you happiness as well as protection.
- XIX.19.2** The wind rose up with the midspace; I lead you forward to that castle; reach it; enter it. May it offer you happiness as well as protection.
- XIX.19.3** The sun rose up with the sky; I lead you forward to that castle; reach it; enter it. May it offer you happiness as well as protection.
- XIX.19.4** The moon rose up with the asterisms; I lead you forward to that castle; reach it; enter it. May it offer you happiness as well as protection.
- XIX.19.5** Soma (the cure-juice) rose up with the herbs; I lead you forward to that castle; reach it; enter it. May it offer you happiness as well as protection.
- XIX.19.6** The sacrifice rose up with the sacrificial gifts; I lead you forward to that castle; reach it; enter it. May it offer you happiness as well as protection.

**XIX.19.7** The ocean rose up with the rivers; I lead you forward to that castle; reach it; enter it. May it offer you happiness as well as protection.

**XIX.19.8** The sacred knowledge rose up with the seekers of sacred knowledge; I lead you forward to that castle; reach it; enter it. May it offer you happiness as well as protection.

**XIX.19.9** The resplendent self rose up with the valour; I lead you forward to that castle; reach it; enter it. May it offer you happiness as well as protection.

**XIX.19.10** The enlightened ones rose up with the immortality; I lead you forward to that castle; reach it; enter it. May it offer you happiness as well as protection.

**XIX.19.11** The Lord of creatures rose up with the offsprings; I lead you forward to that castle; reach it; enter it. May it offer you happiness as well as protection.



### For protection by various Gods

**XIX.20.1** From the deadly weapon, which the foemen have secretly sent towards us, may the Lord resplendent and adorable and sustainer, the impeller Lord, the lord supreme, the blissful Lord, the venerable king, the twins-divine, the Controller Lord, the nourisher Lord fully protect us from that death.

**XIX.20.2** Whatever He, who is the Lord of universe and the Lord of creatures breathing in the midspace, has made an armour for His creatures, and what the quarters and the mid-quarters put on, may all those be my ample defenses.

**XIX.20.3** What (armour) those bounties of Nature, shining in the sky, assuming bodily form, put on their bodies, what the resplendent self makes an armour for himself, may that protect us from all sides.

**XIX.20.4** May heaven and earth be my armour; (my) armour be the day; armour be the sun. May all the bounties of Nature make my armour. May the calamity (army of enemies) never reach me.

### The Chandas : the meters

**XIX.21.1** (Svāhā) to Gāyatrī, Usnik, Anuṣṭup, Brhatī, Pañkti, Tristup and Jagatī.

**Homage to the parts of Atharva Veda**

- XIX.22.1** Svāhā with the first five Anuvākas (chapters) of Atharva Veda (the compositions of Angiras).
- XIX.22.2** Svāhā to the sixth (chapter).
- XIX.22.3** Svāhā to the seventh and the eighth (chapter).
- XIX.22.4** Svāhā with the (chapters called) Nīlnakha.
- XIX.22.5** Svāhā with the (verses called) Hatitas.
- XIX.22.6** Svāhā to small (chapters or hymns).
- XIX.22.7** Svāhā to the chapters containing Paryāyas (hymns containing regularly recurring phrases or sentences).
- XIX.22.8** Svāhā to the chapters containing the first Śankhas (a particular type of mantras).
- XIX.22.9** Svāhā to the chapters containing the second Śankhas.
- XIX.22.10** Svāhā to the chapters containing the third Śankhas.
- XIX.22.11** Svāhā to the hymns of the last but one chapter.
- XIX.22.12** Svāhā to the hymns of the last chapter.

**XIX.22.13** Svāhā to the latter hymns.

**XIX.22.14** Svāhā to the seers.

**XIX.22.15** Svāhā to the learning pupils.

**XIX.22.16** Svāhā to Ganas (assemblies of seers).

**XIX.22.17** Svāhā to large ganas.

**XIX.22.18** Svāhā to all the Aṅgirasas, known to Ganas.

**XIX.22.19** Svāhā to the two with a thousand each severally.

**XIX.22.20** Svāhā to the Divine supreme.

**XIX.22.21** All the valours collected are surpassed by the Divine supreme spread out the sky. The Divine supreme existed before the beings were born. So who can dare to compete with that Divine supreme.